

American Rescue Plan, 2021-ARP
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III) Reporting:
Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students

University of Dubuque
Quarterly Report Ending 9-30-21

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Overview

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Recovery Act, 2021 (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021 and provides an additional \$39.6 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Allocation for awards under Section 2003(a)(1) includes both funds for Student Aid (CFDA 84.425E) and Institution Portion (CFDA 84.425F), as described in our Grant Award Notice and the USDE HEERF III Allocation Table under Section 2003(a)(1).

The University of Dubuque (UD) hereby addresses questions for the HEERF Quarterly Report:

1. An acknowledgement that the institution signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, a minimum of \$3,579,221 of the funds received under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.

UD Response: *A supplemental award designated for Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF III), was made to our original Grant Award Notification (GAN) on Tuesday, May 25, 2021.*

University of Dubuque completed and submitted the Funding Certification Agreement on Monday, April 13, 2020. University of Dubuque received formal notice of funding approval on April 22, 2020.

2. The total amount of funds that the institution will receive or has received from the Department pursuant to the institution's Certification and Agreement [for] Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.

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UD Response: *University of Dubuque received \$6,216,615 in funding to be distributed among its eligible students.*

CARES, HEERF I, 4/22/2020: \$1,318,697

CRRSAA HEERF II, 1/18/2021: \$1,318,697

ARP, HEERF III, 5/21/2021: \$3,579,221

Total: \$6,216,615

3. The total amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act as of the date of submission (calendar quarter thereafter).

UD Response: *A total of \$3,579,221 in HEERF III funding was disbursed to students.*

4. The estimated total number of students at the institution eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act.

UD Response: *The estimated total number of students at the University of Dubuque with eligibility based on the criteria for the HEERF III funding was approximately 2,080 students based on January 27, 2021 enrollment up through 2021 summer sessions.*

5. The total number of students who have received an Emergency Financial Aid Grant to students under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act.

UD Response: *UD awarded and disbursed HEERF III funding directly to 1993 students and an additional 87 students applied it directly to their student accounts. The awards ranged from \$500 to \$2,300 per eligible student.*

6. The method(s) used by the institution to determine which students receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants and how much they would receive under Section 2003(a)(1) of the ARP Act.

UD Response: *Eligible students will meet the following requirements:*

- *You must be an enrolled graduate or undergraduate student as of January 27, 2021 up through 2021 summer sessions.*
- *You must demonstrate need, which is measured by the FAFSA.*
- *\$2,300 awarded to Pell Grant eligible FT students. (\$1,400 PT)*
- *\$2,000 awarded to FT undergraduate students (\$1,000 PT) that have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) outside the Pell Grant parameters, but below a 15,000 EFC.*
- *\$1,700 awarded to FT students (\$600 PT) that have greater than 15,000 EFC.*
- *\$1,350 awarded to FT students (\$500 PT) that were eligible but did not file FAFSA.*

7. Any instructions, directions, or guidance provided by the institution to students concerning the Emergency Financial Aid Grants.

UD Response: *An email was sent with the following information:*

Good Afternoon,

Please read this entire email carefully.

We are informing you that we will be getting funds distributed from a Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF III) to you. These supplemental funds are to provide emergency financial aid funding to students “for any component of the student’s cost of attendance or for emergency costs that all arise due to coronavirus such as food, housing, health care, (including mental health care) or child care.”

You will be receiving a check for XX. The check will be available for you to pick up on Friday, August 20th on the main floor in Smith Hall. You will need to provide your Student ID in order for your check to be released.

If you would prefer us to mail your check to you, please respond to this email by Friday, August 20th. We will mail your check on Monday, August 23rd.

If you would like the grant funds to be applied to your student account, please respond to this email by Wednesday, August 18th.

If your check is not picked up by August 30th, the check will be mailed to the most current address on file.

The emergency relief funds were allocated based upon students with the greatest need. This was based upon the expected family contribution (EFC) that was determined by Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We also took into consideration if you were enrolled full or part time and if you were in a graduate program. All of the money has been allocated at this time.

If you have any questions, please respond to this email.